

SIGNA: Species Iris Group of North America

December, 2007

41st Species Seed Exchange

Greetings from the new Seed Exchange Chairs, Jim Murrain and Jim Waddick. We hope you will enjoy ordering from the following list and are happy with the changes we have made. Seed orders will be filled in the order received. Send in your order form immediately for the best selection. Shipment of seeds will begin after January 14, '08. Orders received after that date will be filled as time permits. NO orders will be filled if received after March 15, '08.

MEMBERS ONLY: If you wish to share your SIGNA list with friends who are non-members, they may copy the order blank and send in their own order as long as they include the \$12.00 for one year's membership along with their seed order. We have included a place at the bottom of the order blank for new members joining and ordering at the same time. If you are already a member and wish to pay your dues at the same time you may do that also.

PRICE: Many donors remarked on the poor weather conditions and low seed production. Due to this shortage of seeds, fewer varieties and the increase in postage and supplies, please note that the price of seeds has risen to \$1 per packet. There is a \$1 handling charge per order. The Seed Exchange is the primary fund raiser for SIGNA.

SEED LIST INFO: Each variety has a code that indicates year of the list, an alphabet code for the kind of iris and a three digit serial number such as 07TB021. All seeds in this years list have the prefix "07". Alphabetic code is as follows:

I Bearded: Dwarf **DB**, Median **MB**, Tall **TB** Arillate **AR**

II Crested/ Lophiris: **CR**

III Beardless: Chinenses **CH**, Foetidissimae **FT**, Laevigate **LV**, Laevigate Hybrids **LH**,
Pacific Coast **PC**, Hexagonae **LA**, Siberian **SB**, Spuria **SP**,
Tripetalae **TR**, Misc Beardless **MS**.

IV Bulbous: Xiphium **XP**, Reticulate **RT**, Scorpiris **JU**, Nepalensis **NP**

V Wide Crosses: **SX** (excluding Arilbred – see I Bearded)

VI All Other Iridaceae: **XX**

ABBREVIATIONS: Abbreviations following the name: **HP** means Hand Pollinated, **OP** means Open Pollinated, **coll.** means Wild Collected, and **ex.** Indicates that the plants that seeds were collected from were originally from another source (which may be a person, a seed exchange, wild location, or a garden). Seeds of named cultivars will not be identical to their parents and should never be given that name in the garden. They are new seedlings.

NUMBERS: After each item in the seed list you will find a number estimating the total number of seeds available. Donations with fewer than 100 seeds will most likely be sold out early. **Be sure to check substitutes** when ordering any of these seeds. They will not be used as substitutes. Seeds in short supply may have as few as 4 seeds. If you want items with more seeds per packet, order items in greater supply. We will NOT send more than one packet per listing.

REFERENCES: The Iris by Brian Mathew, Iris of China by James Wadick and Zhao Yu-tang, The World of Iridaceae by Clive Innes and the SIGNA Checklists are used as references for verifying names. In a few instances, we have included names that we were unable to verify. You should also consult the SIGNA Species Database at www.badbear.com/signa. There you can view information and photos of flowers, plants and seeds. Correct seed identification is not guaranteed, but based on information supplied by donors.

Our grateful thanks to the following donors:

ABL Al Bullock, Sterling, VA, USA
AHB Tony Huber, Laval, Quebec CANADA
AKL Anne Klingensmith, Ithaca, NY, USA
BDS Barbara & David Schneider, Concord, MA, USA
CLN Carla Lankow, Renton, WA, USA
DPR Darrell Probst, Hubbardston, MA
DSL Dave Silverberg, Molalla, OR, USA
FMS Fumiharu Sato, Kushiro City, Hokkaido, JAPAN
DHR Dave Hare, Pleasanton, CA, USA
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JLB John & Lucy Burton, S. Hamilton, MA, USA
JNH Josefine Neuhercz, Budapest, HUNGARY

JPW Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks, Carlisle, MA, USA
JWT Jean Witt, Des Moines, WA, USA
JWW James Waddick, Kansas City, MO, USA
KDI Ilona Kalaszine, Budapest, HUNGARY
KRW Kenneth Wilson, Olive Hill, KY, USA
KWK Kenneth Walker, Concord, CA, USA
MBS Maurice Boussard, Ventabren, FRANCE
PTL Patricia Toolan, S. Australia, AUSTRALIA
RBR Rodney Barton, Hickory Creek, TX
RST Robert Strohman, Louisville, KY, USA
SWH Steven Whyman, Sylva, NC, USA
TBL Todd Bowland, St. John's, NL, CANADA
WWG Will Plotner, Molalla, OR, USA
??? Seed not clearly identified.

DONATING SEED

DATES: For the 2008 SIGNA Seed Exchange, all seeds should be post marked no later than **November 10, 08**. For **later ripening seed** please send a list and brief description of each by the above date, so they may be included. Late ripening seed donations must be received no later than **December 30**. Seeds received after this date may be used as extras or held for the following season's list.

ALL SEEDS: All seeds from any species of the Family Iridaceae are welcome and appreciated. Hand-pollination, wild collected and uncommon species are especially sought after. All seeds are requested. There are at least five requests each for 95% of the donations.

HAND POLLINATED: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE try to hand-pollinate the species in your garden specifically for the Seed Exchange, either by using two clones of the same species or by selfing. Hand pollination assures that a particular species will come true from seed. This is especially important for those species that readily cross with other species (e.g. bearded, arils, siberians, PCN's, LA's, spurias, etc.). This is the only way to preserve these true species!

WILD COLLECTED: Most of us live near an area where irises grow wild. Wild collected seed is extremely popular and the best way to receive genetic diversity. If you know an area where irises are growing wild, please make a trip to collect from as many plants as possible. Even if it is a widespread species in the U.S., we have many overseas members who would like to grow seeds of our natives.

QUANTITY: 100 to 1000 seeds are ideal, but any number is welcome. Even if you only have one packet of seed to send, please do. They are greatly appreciated. Small paper envelopes are the preferred method for packaging seed. Please do not use film canisters, small boxes, etc. as they are impossible to organize.

LABELLING: Mark each envelope clearly and legibly with the correct name. If it is a named cultivar, please provide the species name or hybrid group to which it belongs. If it is from hand pollination, mark it HP; if it is wild collected write "wild collected" and give the town, county, state, country and elevation if known; if it is from plants growing in your garden that were wild collected, write "ex." then give the above information; if it is grown from seed received from someone else or a seed exchange (SIGNA, BIS, NARGS), so indicate. Try to give a brief two to four word descriptions, especially if there are any unique characteristics. Seeds with clear descriptions are always more popular. Be sure to include your name and address. Please provide a seed count estimate on every packet.

The SIGNA Seed Exchange is the main fundraiser for SIGNA. The proceeds go toward the publication of our SIGNA Bulletin and help to sponsor collecting trips, special publications, and research grants. **Please support SIGNA** by donating seed in 2008. Send seed to: **Seed Chairs** – Jim Murrain & Jim Waddick, 8871 NW Brostrom Rd., Kansas City, MO 64152 (Phone 816.746.1949). If you have more questions try SIGNASeedEx @gmail.com

SPECIAL NOTE for foreign donors: For all donors outside of the United States, please send seed to Jan Sacks, 337 Acton Street, Carlisle, MA 01741 USA or at jpwwflowers@aol.com. Please contact Jan Sacks in advance for the current regulations regarding import of seed into the US. Foreign donors should send seeds no later than Oct. 30, 08

Seed List Highlights This year's list has a few high points. Bearded: Seeds of the uncommon *Iris junonia* and extra seeds from the breeding program of a noted MTB hybridizer. Beardless: Seeds grown from five or more wild collected *Iris ensata*, a veritable panorama of hybrid laevigate species and wide crosses from a noted Canadian hybridizer and an exceptionally wide range of *Iris setosa* selection from a new Japanese donor. These are all in short supply and will sell out. Order fast.

We appreciate all comments to the Seed Chairman or the President of SIGNA regarding this seed list. We appreciate fresh seed any time of the year. Even iris species you might consider common are interesting to others. Please hand pollinate, collect wild seed and donate garden seed. Thanks. Jim Murrain and Jim Waddick

ORDER FORM

FIRST CHOICES:

Circle the number,

SUBSTITUTES:

Place a check to the right of the number

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PRICE: \$1 per packet plus \$1 per order for shipping and handling. This is a new price per packet.

PAYMENT: Orders must be received no later than March 15, '08.

Enclose check or Money Order and make payable to SIGNA.

Foreign orders please use US Currency, International Money Order or a draft on a US bank.

Mail this form and payment to: SIGNA Seed Ex, 8871 NW Brostrom Rd, Kansas City, MO 64152-2711

PAYPAL: SIGNA members with a Paypal account may “send cash” to SIGNASeedEx@gmail.com

Send order list of primary choices and substitutes along with mailing address and membership renewal to address above or email to SIGNASeedEx@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP: If you are not a current member of SIGNA and wish to order, please add membership. Current membership rates below.

REFUNDS: None. If we cannot fill your order and you have not made enough substitutes, the remaining amount will be considered a donation to SIGNA.

ADDRESS: Be sure to include your full name, address and email address, if available. Address labels appreciated.

TOTAL PAYMENT	Number of Seed Packets_____ x \$1 _____	
	Shipping & Handling	<u>\$1.00</u>
	Membership	_____
	Paypal Service Charge	<u>\$1.00</u>

SIGNA Membership Rates

US \$12/yr \$32/ 3 yrs
Foreign \$15/yr \$40/ 3 yr.

Total Payment Due _____

Name _____

Address

City, State, Zip/Postal _____

Country _____

Email _____